

### **Specification Amendments**

Please add the following paragraphs on Page 1 at line 4:

#### **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

##### **Field of the invention**

Please add the following paragraphs on Page 1 at line 13:

##### **Description of Related Art**

Please add the following paragraphs on Page 3 at line 1:

GB-A-1472860 describes a method for forming an end of a tube, wherein the tube is initially reduced in diameter by rotary swaging and an inclined transition area is formed on the tube. The transition area is then heated, and the heated transition area is formed to a rectangular shoulder by axial pressing.

Please add the following paragraphs on Page 4 at line 3:

#### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES**

Please add the following paragraphs on Page 4 at line 10:

#### **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 4, line 10 with the following paragraph:

In order to arrive at the intermediate product, illustrated in Fig. 1, of the production process of the workpiece, indicated by reference numeral 1, the workpiece 1 having a rectangular shoulder 2, the upper area of a tubular initial workpiece 3 is first reduced by a cold-forming process, for example a rotary swaging process, which is known as such and which, therefore, will not be described herein in more detail, whereby that first area 3a of the tubular initial workpiece 3 is reduced to a smaller diameter than a non-reduced second area 3b. Preferably, a transition area 3c between the first and second areas 3a and 3b is again formed as a circumferential inclined surface with an inclination of approximately 45° relative to the longitudinal axis A of the initial workpiece 3.